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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 applying Place (USP 2,096,648). Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on Place in view of Hight, Jr., et al (USP 6,893,025). The status of claims 13 and 14 is not clear but apparently rejected as anticipated by Place. Reconsideration is requested as to all of these claims.

There are fundamental differences between the described/enabled subject matter of Place and the claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8 and 10-15 invention.

Place passes a ribbon strip of non-uniform width, including distinct indentations to facilitate precise prescribed bending in installation, through a hole in a solid piece of metal molding (especially for securing light moldings to auto bodies) It is a clip that itself clips two items together and is installed and widened to effect the clip action. In contrast: (a) the invention described and claimed in the present application has a bent wire or wire-like clip of substantially uniform cross-section and forming a circular or other aperture region for securing an object to a surface with spaced elongated through regions (e.g., a deck or skid); (b) the clip is inserted in one orientation and rotated, enabling a convenient tie down; (c) doing so with a low cost, simple to make, simple to install design; and (d) the clip as passed through a deck does no securing until something else (a hook end of a bungy cord or rope end is passed through the aperture and tied to or around an object to be secured).

Further, (e) the clip of the present invention requires a twist and loading to begin its securing function. It can be installed, used and removed without distortion of the clip itself and is reusable. Removal and reuse are problematic for the place clips. The place securement is designed to be very malleable and changed in the course of installation to a usage shape to receive hollow moldings to a wall; (f) Place's clip requires specific tailoring to a spanned surface while the clip of the present invention can work with various thicknesses of deck planks or the like (and varying spacing between deck boards); (g) Place requires a pliers or like tool to spread the head portion of the U-formed ribbon and this in turn causes some distortion of the feet; and (h) if the Place 'clip' were used in a deck situation (for receiving a bungy or rope end in its "aperture,"

contrary to its disclosed purposes), a loading on its "aperture" portion would pull the clip out with the feet easily deforming for unwanted extraction between deck boards.

The Hight et al. reference showing oven gasket clips, only applied to dependent claims, does not affect patentability of parent claim 1. With allowance of parent claim 1 withdrawn dependent claims 3, 5, 9 and 16-20 should be examined and allowed along with claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8 and 10-15.

Allowance of claims 1-15 is requested.

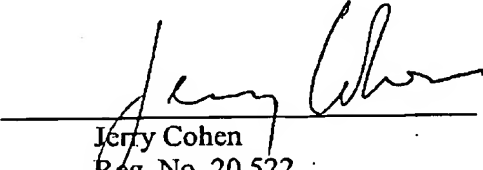
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